GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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CONVENTION ON ORGANISED CRIME
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a convention under the auspices of U.N. on transnational organised crime was held in December, 2000 in Palermo, the sicilian city located on mediterranean coast;

(b) if so, whether India attended this convention;

(c) if so, the issues discussed and the outcome thereof; and

(d) the manner in which India is going to be benefited from convention?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. A high-level Diplomatic Conference for the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organised Crime and its allied Protocols took placed at Palermo, Italy from 12-14 December, 2000. India was represented at the official level.

(c) & (d) There was general agreement that the Convention provides a framework not only to combat transnational organised crime, but also seeks to eliminate inconsistencies among legislations and practices of states that criminal networks have been seeking to exploit. India views the Convention as an important step in the global effort to combat transnational organised crime and expects that it will result in enhanced international co-operation to the benefit of all countries.